

## WEATHERIZATION

Weatherization helps homeowners and renters reduce energy use while increasing comfort in their homes. This program is operated by local community agencies.

Addressing weatherization problems can:

- Reduce home energy use.
- Improve comfort.
- Make the home environment healthier.

Depending on the results of a home energy audit, homes may receive one or more of the following energy efficiency measures:

- **Insulation** - Adding insulation to the attic, walls and crawl spaces helps reduce energy use and increase comfort.
- **Sealing air leaks** - Sealing air leaks will reduce the cold drafts caused by unwanted holes in the home's structure and may improve indoor air quality.
- **Heating Systems Update** - Replacing an inefficient furnace or boiler will save energy and money.
- **Energy Saving Products** - Installing water saving faucet aerators and shower heads, and compact fluorescent light bulbs where applicable will reduce your energy needs. Replacing an old refrigerator with a new ENERGY STAR qualified model will also save energy.

## MORE INFO AND HOW TO APPLY

For more information about Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance (WHEAP), Weatherization or the application process, call toll free

**1-866-432-8947** (1-866-HEATWIS),

visit **[www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov](http://www.homeenergyplus.wi.gov)** or contact the program provider listed below.

Households need to provide information on income and heating costs. To obtain a checklist of items you need to bring to the application interview, contact Home Energy Plus at the number above or your local program provider.

### AGENCY:

### OVER THE INCOME LIMITS?

Have an emergency and can't afford your heating or utility bill payment? Ask your local energy assistance office about the Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund (KWWF) or visit [www.kwwf.org](http://www.kwwf.org). KWWF has limited funds available to help people at or above the Home Energy Plus income eligibility levels.

Need some help saving energy in your home? Call 1-800-762-7077 or visit [www.focusonenergy.com](http://www.focusonenergy.com) to find out more about Targeted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR and other Residential Focus on Energy Programs.

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## 2005-2006 HOME ENERGY PLUS

Providing  
Energy Assistance and  
Weatherization



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF  
ADMINISTRATION



Home Energy Plus includes the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program and the Weatherization Program. This brochure provides information on the services, eligibility requirements, and application information for these programs.

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR WISCONSIN HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE?**

You may be eligible for Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance (WHEAP) and Weatherization services if your gross income for the last three months is less than the amount shown below for your family size.

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>3 Month Family Income</b>
1	\$3,588.75
2	4,811.25
3	6,033.75
4	7,256.25
5	8,478.75
6	9,701.25
7	10,923.75
8	12,146.25
For each additional person add	\$1,222.50

Program services are available without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin or mental or physical handicap. This document can be made available in accessible formats to qualified individuals with disabilities.

## **ENERGY ASSISTANCE**

Wisconsin's Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) provides assistance for heating costs, electric costs, and energy crisis situations. The program is operated by local social and human service agencies.

### **Heating Assistance**

Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance (WHEAP) Heating Assistance is a one-time payment each heating season (October 1 through May 15). It is intended to help pay a portion of heating costs and is not intended to pay the total annual heating cost. The amount of the heating assistance benefit varies according to household size, income level, and household heating costs.

For most families, the Heating Assistance payment will be sent directly to the fuel supplier. You will receive a notification from the Division of Energy informing you of your benefit amount. Your vendor will credit the amount to your account.

### **Electric Assistance (Non-Heating)**

Many households will be eligible to receive a payment for non-heating electric energy costs through funding provided by the State's Public Benefits Program. The non-heating electric payment will be sent directly to your electric provider.

The amount of the electrical assistance benefit varies according to household size, income level and annual electrical costs. You will receive a notification from the Division of Energy informing you of your benefit amount. Your vendor will credit the amount to your account.

### **Crisis Assistance**

WHEAP Crisis Assistance can provide emergency and non-emergency services. Households without heat, with a disconnect notice, or nearly out of heating fuel with no way to pay for heating needs, may be eligible for Emergency Crisis Assistance. Local WHEAP agencies provide a 24-hour crisis phone number to help with after hours emergencies. Emergency Energy Crisis Assistance is available on a first come first serve basis starting October 1st and ending May 15th.

Non-Emergency or Proactive Services avoid future emergencies by providing information on how to reduce fuel costs, counseling on budgeting and money management, and providing payments to a fuel supplier with co-pay agreements.

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OR VISIT  
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